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**GREEN BUSINESS AWARDS PRESENTED BY GOVERNOR**

Honolulu – Governor Linda Lingle in partnership with the State Department of Health (DOH), State Department of Business Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT) and the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii today presented the Annual Green Business Awards to some of the state’s “greenest” resorts.

The Green Business Awards Program is a partnership between the Departments of Health, Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, and the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii. The agencies work together to assist and recognize businesses that operate in an environmentally responsible way. The program helps businesses comply with environmental regulations, to go beyond compliance to conserve energy, water and other resources, and to reduce pollution and waste.

“These businesses recognize that a healthy environment is critical to the well being of our state and our economy, and we appreciate their efforts to adopt alternative energy practices and reduce pollution,” said Governor Lingle.

This year’s recipients are the Hyatt Regency Kauai, the Grand Wailea (Maui), Sheraton Hotels in Waikiki, and the Hale Koa Hotel. The hotels were chosen based on different criteria which included: participation in quarterly meetings; attending forums and workshops; a self-audit checklist evaluating their environmental practices ranging from pollution prevention to water and energy conservation; and sharing their information with other participants.

“The winners of this award and all those who participated in the program are helping to conserve valuable resources, reduce waste and ultimately protect Hawaii’s environment,” said Chiyome Fukino, M.D. Director Hawaii State Department of Health.

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“The program has focused on working with resorts as their first industry because of the visitor industry’s cumulative impact on the environment,” said DBEDT Director Theodore E.Liu.

A Hawaii Green Business Award will also be presented to the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii for their efforts in actively participating in, supporting and promoting the Hawaii Green Business Program.

Participation was open to all hotels. Other program participants include the Honolulu Board of Water Supply, Hawaiian Electric Company, and the Hawaii Hotel and Lodging Association.

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